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Bradley Palmer State Park Receiving a Fresh, New Look *DCR Invests in New Wading Pool & Spray Deck Facility*

Topsfield- Monday, May 11, 2015- Continuing with the Department of Conservation and Recreation's objective to provide first-class recreational facilities for the Commonwealth's citizens, Bradley Palmer State Park in Topsfield, MA is currently undergoing construction of a new, combined wading pool and spray deck. The new facility, which is replacing an outdated wading pool, will provide an enhanced water play experience for young visitors to enjoy. It is expected to be available to the public by mid-to-late July.

Other new features of the Bradley Palmer State Park pool area will include:

- additional seating
- new rinsing stations
- a new drinking fountain
- improved changing rooms
- a new contact station, and
- additional handicapped parking spaces.

"Like many facilities across the Commonwealth, the wading pool and spray deck at DCR's Bradley Palmer State Park has become a popular area destination for families looking for fun and a respite from the summer heat," said DCR Commissioner Carol Sanchez. "DCR's investment in the Bradley Palmer State Park is an excellent example of a construction project that will meet the needs of the public for years to come."

In addition to the improved water feature, the popular state park offers visitors the opportunity to enjoy many nature-based activities, including hiking, mountain biking, picnicking, and interpretive programs for all ages.

While all the other nature-based activities will be available at Bradley Palmer State Park throughout the summer season, the pool facilities will not be available until construction is complete in mid-late July. Some nearby DCR beaches and pool facilities that will be open for the summer season include:

Breakheart Reservation, Pearce Lake, 177 Forest Street, Saugus – 781-233-0834
Salisbury Beach State Reservation, Beach Rd., Rte. 1A, Salisbury – 978-462-4481
Lawrence W. Lloyd Memorial Swimming Pool, 49 Tremont St., Melrose – 781-662-1827

Hall Memorial Swimming and Wading Pool, 4 North Border Rd., Stoneham – 781-481-9092

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